IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER

READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

Group Art Unit : 2123

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

EXAMINER:

In response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

In The Substitute Specification:

Please amend the Abstract and paragraph [0048] as indicated below and provided on a separate sheet: